

C. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) [[In a collet chuck arrangement of a machine tool comprising a collet chuck housing, a collet chuck inserted in the collet chuck housing, a tensioning nut, a tool shank fitted in and fixedly held by the collet chuck and a]] A sealing washer for sealing a [[closing the front side of the]] collet chuck arrangement of a machine tool against coolant leakage, the [[sealing]] washer having a circular opening for the tool shank, this opening defining a cylindrical surface with an annular groove in it, [[the surface and the groove facing the tool shank,]] an elastic sealing body disposed in the groove and embracing the tool shaft, wherein the groove is wider and deeper than the cross-section of the elastic sealing body such that the sealing body is pressed by coolant against a side wall of the groove.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A sealing washer [[collet chuck arrangement]] according to claim 3, wherein the [[sealing washer]] opening is dimensioned such that an open annular gap exists [[space exists]] between the [[opening]] cylindrical surface and the tool shaft through which open space coolant can flow into the groove and build up pressure therein.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A sealing washer [[collet chuck arrangement]] according to claim 3, wherein the collet chuck arrangement includes a [[sealing washer is attached to the]] tensioning nut wherein said sealing washer is attached to said tensioning nut.